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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
pages 1-4 as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- the claims:
nos. 1-7 as originally filed/furnished
nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the drawings:
sheets 1 as originally filed/furnished
sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	1 - 7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES
	1 - 7	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: JP 10215116

D2: JP 2000068722

D3: WO 02/065579 (and corresponding EP 1 291 961)

2 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 lacks novelty (PCT Article 33(2)).

Document D1 discloses (see figures 3 and 6):

antenna for a vehicle, for mounting on a vehicle surface, comprising a base component 12 which is made of metal and an antenna housing 24 made of plastics, the housing surrounding the antenna elements 10 that are arranged on the base component 12, the base component 12 having at least one sub-section made of plastics (on the upper side of the base component) and the antenna housing 25, following mounting of the antenna elements 10, being permanently connected

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to the sub-section.

3. The subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)). D2 discloses (see figure 3):

antenna for a vehicle, for mounting on a vehicle surface, comprising a base component 3 which is made of metal and an antenna housing 2 made of plastics, the housing surrounding the antenna elements 10 that are arranged on the base component, the base component having at least one sub-section 15 made of plastics.

- 3.1 The subject matter of claim 1 differs from D2 in that

- following mounting of the antenna elements, the antenna housing is permanently connected to the sub-section.

This type of connection, however, is suggested by D3. D3 discloses (see figures 8-10 and 12c together with the corresponding description in EP 1 291 961) a plastics part 5, in which the antenna housing 6 fits exactly and is held. This connection is not, however, permanent, since this is not always desired. Should, however, it be desired, then D3 (see column 2, lines 46-50) indicates that the two parts, that is the antenna housing and the plastics part, can be connected using an adhesive material. A person skilled in

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the art would therefore transfer this concept to the antenna according to D2 and would thus arrive at the subject matter of the claim without thereby being inventive.

4. The features of dependent claims 2-7 do not appear to concern anything which goes beyond the disclosures of documents D1-D3, or which a person skilled in the art would readily add on the basis of common deliberations according to the circumstances in order to design the antenna.